

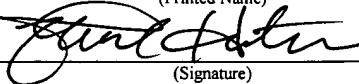


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Applicant: Stuart Wipperfurth, et al.  
Title: MILKING AND APPLICATION  
TEAT CUP, SYSTEM, AND  
METHOD  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ X ] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

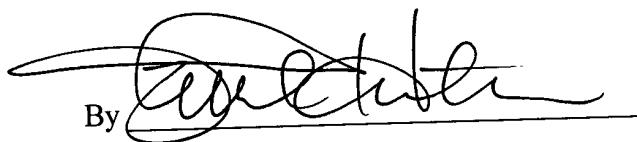
	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	35	-	35	= 0 x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	5	-	5	= 0 x \$88.00 =	\$0.00
				First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$300.00 =	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL =	\$0.00

[ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 21, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: